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SUBJECT: BROWN AND ROOT TELEX FOR AMBASSADOR

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--- B) BRYANT-CONGER LETTER 9/16/76

1. SUBJECT TELEX SENT COMMERCE/MEPD (CONGER) FOR TRANSMISSION TO AMBASSADOR. THIS REFLECT PRESIDENT BONGO'S EXPLICIT REQUEST DURING SEPTEMBER 18 MEETING WITH BROWN AND ROOT EXECUTIVES THAT THEY ADVISE HIM VIA TELEX TO AMBASSADOR RE TIMING THEIR VISIT IN RESPONSE TO HIS (BONGO'S) INVITATION.

2. EMBASSY REQUESTED CHANNEL ANY RESPONSES TO BROWN AND ROOT THROUGH COMMERCE/MEPD.

3. COMMERCE/MEPD HAS STRESSED EMPHATICALLY TO BROWN AND ROOT THEY MUST PROCURE VISAS BEFORE DEPARTING U.S.,

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MUST MAKE OWN HOTEL RESERVATIONS, BRING FRENCH-SPEAKING

EMPLOYEE OR INTERPRETER WITH THEM.

4. TEXT OF BROWN AND ROOT TELEX IS AS FOLLOWS;

THROUGH THE GOOD OFFICES OF THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (MR. STEVE CONGER) AND THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF STATE (MR. TOM BUCHANAN), BROWN AND ROOT WAS ABLE TO SECURE A PRIVATE MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ALBERT BONGO ON SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 1976, IN NEW YORK CITY TO DISCUSS OUR INTEREST IN DOING BUSINESS IN GABON. SPECIFICALLY, WE EXPRESSED OUR INTEREST IN THE FOLLOWING THREE (3) PROJECTS IN THE CHRONOLOGICAL ORDER THAT THEY WILL OCCUR:

---1. SOGACEL PULP MILL PROJECT - WE ARE INTERESTED
--- IN THIS PROJECT IN CONJUNCTION WITH HEURTEY
--- INDUSTRIES, A PROMINENT FRENCH ENGINEERING
--- FIRM. CURRENTLY, WE ARE DISCUSSING FINANCING
--- PARTICIPATION FOR THIS PROJECT WITH FIRST
--- NATIONAL CITY C BANK, WHO HAS EXPRESSED
--- INTEREST IF PROJECT IS VIABLE.

---2. SANTA CLARA PORT PROJECT-THIS WILL BE READY
--- FOR TENDERS IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1977.
--- BROWN AND ROOT INTERESTED IN THE CONSTRUCTION.

---3. GRAND POUBARA DAM PROJECT - TAMS AND CHARLES
--- T. MAIN ARE NOW PROPOSING FOR THE STUDY AND
--- ENGINEERING. BROWN AND ROOT IS INTERESTED
--- IN CONSTRUCTION.

DURING OUR PRIVATE MEETING, PRESIDENT BONGO EXTENDED AN INVITATION TO BROWN AND ROOT TO VISIT HIM IN GABON IN TWO (2) TO THREE (3) WEEKS TO DISCUSS OUR INTERESTS AT GREATER LENGTH. WE AGREED TO DO THIS. PRESIDENT BONGO SUGGESTED WE ARRANGE THE DETAILS OF THIS MEETING THROUGH YOUR GOOD OFFICE.

WHILE IN GABON, WE WILL ALSO WISH TO MEET WITH A NUMBER OF OTHER INFLUENTIAL MINISTERS AND THEREFORE WISH TO ARRANGE THE DATE WHEN THEY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE. THESE ARE:
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---1. MINISTER NTOUTOUUME; ALL PROJECTS.
---2. MINISTER MOUSSIROU; SOGACEL.
---3. MINISTER RAWIRI; SANTA CLARA PORT.
---4. DIRECTOR DAMAS; SANTA CLARA PORT.
---THE MOST IMPORTANT IS MINISTER NTOUTOUUME.

I WISH TO SUGGEST THE DATE OF OCTOBER 13, 1976. IF THIS

PROVES TO BE A POOR CHOICE BECAUSE OF THE PRESIDENT
OR MINISTERS BEING UNAVAILABLE, PLEASE NOTIFY ME.

WE WILL PLAN TO ARRIVE ON OCTOBER 11, 1976.

WE WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ARRANGING TO HAVE ONE (1) HOUR
OPEN FOR A MUTUAL BRIEFING ONE (1) DAY PRIOR TO MEETING
WITH PRESIDENT BONGO. WE PROMISE TO HAVE VALID VISAS
ON THIS TRIP.

REGARDS,

JOHN J. SLOAN
MANAGER, SALES
BROWN AND ROOT, INC.
KISSINGER

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